



*Embassy of the United States of America
Algiers, Algeria*

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Apply for Student Leadership Training in the U.S.

The U.S. Embassy in Algiers is pleased to announce the Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI) Student Leaders Program for the summer of 2012. This is a five-week intensive leadership training program in the U.S. for undergraduate students. Participants develop leadership and collective problem-solving skills, exploring U.S. history and culture to expand their leadership skills and knowledge. The program consists of hands-on leadership training workshops, academic sessions, site visits, community service projects, optional home stays and other opportunities for interaction with Americans peers, and other cultural activities. The program runs from **June 26 to August 7, 2012**. It includes a five-week academic residency program at the host institution, and a one-week educational study tour designed to complement and reinforce the concepts explored in the academic residency. Students also participate in an alumni conference held in the Middle East or North Africa in early 2013. The program is fully funded, including international airfare, travel within the United States, accommodation, food, and program fees.

Who Can Apply?

- ☒ You are an Algerian citizen, living in Algeria, and attending school in Algeria
- ☒ You will be **18 to 24 years** old as of June 1, 2012
- ☒ You are currently in your **1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th year** of college or university
- ☒ You are committed to returning to your home country/community following completion of the program
- ☒ You still have one year of studies to finish upon your return to Algeria
- ☒ You are proficient in English
- ☒ You have a sustained high level of academic achievement, as indicated by grades, awards, and teacher recommendations
- ☒ You are mature, responsible, independent, open-minded, tolerant, and thoughtful
- ☒ You demonstrate strong leadership potential
- ☒ You have a strong interest in learning about the United States
- ☒ You have no or limited prior travel or study experience in the United States
- ☒ You have a commitment to your community
- ☒ You are comfortable with campus life, prepared to share living accommodations, and able to make adjustments to cultural and social practices different from those of your country
- ☒ You are willing to spend part of Ramadan 2012 in the United States.

How to Apply

Application Information



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- Download the application from
http://algiers.usembassy.gov/academic_exchanges.html
- **Deadline to turn in the application is at 5pm on January 26, 2012.**
 - Applications must be submitted electronically to
AlgiersPAS-MEPI@state.gov
 - Please write **MEPI 2012** in the subject line of your email

Finalists

- **ONLY finalists** will be invited to an interview at the Embassy in February 2012
- Finalists must bring copies of their academic transcripts to the interview
- Finalists must bring a copy of their passport, if available, to the interview